श्रीमती सुशीला रोहतगी : जहां तक हम लोगों की सूचना है अभी तक पंजाब का एनुअल प्लान फाइनलाइज नहीं हुआ है, 87–88 वाला, जब फाइनलाइज हो जायेगा तो पिक्चर सामने आ जायेगी । यह 600 मेगावाट का जो बनने वाला है इसमें तो थोड़ा सा दे दिया है और इसमें थोड़ा समय लगेगा । पर शार्टेज इतनी ज्यादा नहीं है, कोई 2.2 परसेंट शार्टेज पड़ेगी और सेंट्रल पावर प्रोजेक्ट्स से पंजाब को, जितना उसका शेयर है, वह बराबर मिलता रहेगा और हमें आशा है कि जो हमारे नये गैस प्रोजेक्ट्स सामने आ रहे हैं, गैस प्लांट भी है, हमारा नरोरा का प्लांट भी आने वाला है इसके अतिरिक्त रिहन्द का प्रोजेक्ट है इन सब में से पंजाब को शेयर मिलेगा । इससे इतनी ज्यादा शार्टेज उनको नहीं पड़ेगी ।

Utilisation of gas found in Krishna-Godavari Basin

*42T. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether consequent to the explo ration in the Krishna-Godavari Basin, large quantities of natural gas aie avail able for distribution; ind

(b) if so, what steps are being taken by Government for proper utilisation of the gas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) With the reserves established, about one million cubic metre per day of natural gas can be produced for a period of 15 years from Krishna-Godavari Basin.

(b) ONGC have already signed contracts with a few consumers. Efforts are being made to identify more consumers.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Biogas Technology

*428. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Biogas technology is being improved to reduce fuel shortage in tbe country;

(b) whether at a National Symposium on Biotechnology and its usage organised by IARI in November, 1977 a number of useful recommendations were made;

(c) what is the status of implementation of each of these recommendations; and

(d) whether there is any technolobgy mission on biogas in hand and if so, what are the details thereof .ind the progress made so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) Yes, Sir. Bio-gas Technology is already being promoted in the country under the National Project for Biogas Development and Community/ Institutional Biogas Plant programme to reduce the problem of fuel shortage. Improvements in the design of biogas plants have also been made under the research programme and are continuing.

(b) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(b) to (d) A National Symposium on Biogas Technology (not Bio Technology) and Usage at IARI in November, 1977 made recommendations relating to basic research; engineering aspects; utilisation of slurry; extension, organisational and financial aspects of biogas development.

Keeping these recommendations in view a National Project on Biogas Development (NPBD) was formulated. This was initially with Ministry of Agriculture and was transfererd to the Department of non-conventional Energy Sources in September, 1982. This extension programme for